

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 985 without my signature.

As brave Californians fight abroad to stop terrorism, spread freedom and protect our country, it is imperative that elected leaders take all steps necessary to ensure these individuals are in no way economically or otherwise disadvantaged because of their service.

This bill, however, is not about protecting the jobs of our servicemen and women. Current state and federal law already protects the jobs of those returning from military service. The proponents have offered no evidence that the jobs in question are being outsourced. Rather, this bill is a not-so-subtle attempt by those fearful of the global marketplace to place a negative definition of outsourcing into California law. California's continued economic growth is predicated on our active participation in the worldwide economy, not in isolation.

For these reasons, I cannot support this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger